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COYOTE, BANDIT OF THE PLAINS,
PUSHING INTO NEW COUNTRY

The coyote, pest of the western plains, against which unrelenting warfare has been waged for the past six years, is increasing its range, notwithstanding the fact that since 1915 nearly 300,000 of the animals have been killed by hunters under the direction of the Biological Survey in addition to those killed by private hunters. Reports to the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, state that several specimens were killed in sections far east of their usual haunts, within a comparatively recent period.

One of these was on the northern shore of Lake Ontario, hundreds of miles from the accustomed range, another in western Pennsylvania, and a third in western New York. In northwestern Indiana and in northern Michigan, their presence has been reported and considerable damage has been done to growing live stock. All these places are far from the coyote's main range.

Not content with pushing its pioneers eastward, the coyote has journeyed a long, hard trail from the wilds of British Columbia a thousand miles or more, through the Klondike fields, and into the Arctic Circle to the mouth of the Mackenzie River which flows into the Arctic Ocean. The migration was begun after the rush of gold seekers to the Klondike, the coyotes following the trail of horses that died during the long, perilous journey. Almost untold damage has been done by these bandits, and their presence in localities remote from their usual haunts is regarded as unfortunate, even though only occasional stragglers have been reported.